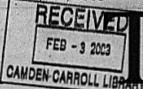




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# Grand jury indicts five on sex crime charges

**KSP officials say the investigation into an alleged campus gang rape is ongoing and additional charges might be filed.**

BY MIRANDA WILSON  
EDITOR

Five former MSU students have been arrested and charged in connection with an alleged gang rape that occurred on Sept. 14 in Waterfield Hall.

Nathan K. Blackburn, 18, of Pikeville; Jordan H. Tackett, 19, of Jenkins; Trevor K. Duncan, 19, of Olympic; Quinton L. Martindale, 18, and Calvin G. Roach, 18, both of Louisville, were each charged with using a minor in a sexual performance in which injury was inflicted, a Class A felony punishable by 20 years to life in prison, prosecutors said.

All five men and the victim were residents of Waterfield Hall, which no longer houses stu-

dents.

The victim, who was 17 years old at the time of the assault, has since turned 18 and withdrawn from the university, MSU officials said.

Rowan County Circuit Court Judge Beth Maze presided over the Jan. 3 hearing. All five men pleaded not guilty. The students are currently free on bond.

All five men were required to post a \$10,000 bond for release from the Rowan County Detention Center. Blackburn and Tackett were each required to post 50 percent of the bond amount because of prior convictions. The remaining three men were required to post 10 percent of the cost.

Judge Maze told the men, once released, they should each refrain from contacting the victim or her family, refrain from committing any other offenses, and attend all court appearances.

Maze scheduled their trial for July 28.

In an interview with *The Trail Blazer*, Kentucky State Police Detective Brian

Bowling said the Rowan County Grand Jury indicted the men under Kentucky's pornography statute "because of the specifics of the case."

Bowling said the charge of using a minor

might have legal action taken against them in the future, Bowling said.

The basics have been presented, but "the case is still open," Bowling said.

The indictments were made on Dec. 20

cases. There's nothing that will come out of it. Nothing happened."

Bowling said the men turned themselves in once the indictments were made public. Tackett and Duncan turned themselves in to State Police on Dec. 27. Blackburn turned himself in on Dec. 31. Roach surrendered himself on Jan. 2 and Martindale was taken into police custody on Jan. 3.

Maze said it was the opinion of the court the men posed no danger and they were permitted to return to MSU for the spring semester.

On Tuesday, MSU President Ronald Eaglin said, "I don't know if any of them are on campus or not."

Eaglin said two of the men indicated they would not return to MSU but three of the men said they might return in the future.

According to Morehead State University's web site, none of the accused



Blackburn

Duncan

Martindale

Roach

Tackett

in a sexual performance is "a little more severe than the rape charge."

Bowling said seven men were investigated in connection with the alleged attack.

Two of the men, described by Bowling as "co-conspirators," were not indicted but

were sealed until Dec. 27.

According to a Dec. 27 story in *The Courier-Journal*, Blackburn told a *Courier-Journal* reporter in a telephone interview that he was not aware of the indictment.

Blackburn was quoted as saying, "I don't

## Tuition fees could increase 15 percent

**MSU programs, services, jobs might be cut due to budget shortfall**

BY ABIGAIL D. MALIK  
MANAGING EDITOR

State budget cuts

MSU students will likely be shelling out more money for their education next semester. Last June the MSU Board of Regents approved an 8 percent increase in tuition for the 2003-2004 academic year. In anticipation of a reduction in state funding, said Beth G. Patrick, vice president of Planning and Technology.

Now, MSU administrators are

saying students may face double-digit tuition increases.

Due to a statewide budget shortfall, all state universities have been advised by the Council on Postsecondary Education that a reduction in state funds for the 2003-2004 academic year could be as high as 9 percent, Patrick said.

"That would be a \$3.8 million reduction of state funds allocated to MSU," Patrick said.

"The total tuition increase will be directly impacted by the size of the state cuts received," Patrick

said.

President Ronald G. Eaglin said Morehead State University's "total education and general fund" is the basic income for the university and is comprised of three parts.

State appropriations make up 56 percent of the university's income,

tuition and fees make up roughly 39 percent, and auxiliary services (food, printing, vending machines, etc.) make up the last 5 percent.

Eaglin said right now tuition for next semester could be raised anywhere from 12 percent to 16 percent, depending on

the exact cut in state funding.

"We're going to keep it as low as we can, so no one in the administration wants to increase tuition," Eaglin said.

If tuition were to be increased by these amounts, undergraduate students could possibly pay \$350-\$470 more in tuition, and undergraduate non-Kentucky residents could pay \$930-\$1,245 more in tuition, beginning Fall 2003.

Cutting programs, expenses, jobs Patrick said the university is looking to downsize current expenses

and programs and reallocate funds to make up for anticipated cuts in state funding.

"All divisions within the university are currently preparing plans for a 2.5 percent reduction in their operating funds that will total \$1.9 million," Patrick said.

Currently the only program that has been eliminated at MSU is the English as a Second Language Program.

Depending on need, Patrick said reduction strategies being considered include but may not be limited to:

- Delaying of various capital construction and physical plant renewal projects.

- Delaying replacement of equipment.

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## Former MSU employee indicted on fraud charges

BY MIRANDA WILSON  
EDITOR

A former employee of Morehead State University has been indicted by the Rowan County Grand Jury for allegedly misusing an MSU credit card for personal rather than professional use.

Former Director of Distance Learning Tim Young was indicted Dec. 20 for fraudulent use of a credit card.

According to the indictment, Young allegedly used the MSU credit card to purchase personal merchandise exceeding \$100 within a six-month period spanning from May 1999 through February 2002.

The personal items allegedly purchased by Young totaled approximately \$6,000.

## Military conscription is considered by legislators

BY ROBERT J. BANTA  
STAFF WRITER

Community and military service that was encouraged following the 9/11 terrorist attacks might become mandatory for some U.S. citizens.

If passed, House Bill 3598, cur-

rently under review by the House Subcommittee on Military Personnel, would effectively reconstitute the draft.

The bill, sponsored by congressman Nick Smith (R-Mich.) and Curt Weldon (R-Penn.), would "require

the induction into the Armed Forces of young men registered under the Military Selective Service Act, and to authorize young women to volunteer, to receive basic military training and education for a period of up to one year."

Though congressman Weldon later revised his name from the bill's sponsor list, Maryland congressman Roscoe Bartles signed on to co-sponsor the bill.

If passed, the bill would require all eligible men between the ages of 18-22 to serve six months or one year in the military.

Inductees would receive basic military training, including instruction in physical fitness, international relations, military tactics, United States and world history and vocational training.

Any persons conscripted would not be subject to active combat.

A press release issued in January 2002 supporting the bill, quotes Smith as saying, "We have not had any period of conscription since 1973. Those people are approaching their 50s or are older. In a few years, there will be few of any members of Congress who have served in the military. We need more people with these views and experience, especially after September 11." Other nations have instituted similar programs with great success. Today, more than 90 nations make young people subject to conscription. It's time America take a look at doing the same."

Smith also cites a need for increased personnel in the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Administration, U.S. Military and the intelligence community following the terrorist attacks of 2001, and said required military training could help meet these needs.

Lt. Col. John Karas, MSU mili-

tary science professor, said, despite the renewed interest in military and community service in post 9/11 America, legislation such as the national service bill isn't really receiving any more support than it

has in the past."

If passed, the bill would require all eligible men between the ages of 18-22 to serve six months or one year in the military.

There are still a lot of bad feelings concerning the draft from the Vietnam era, not for you but maybe for your parents, so this kind of bill isn't really getting any more support than it has in the past."

Despite the heightened attention this bill has received, Karas said this isn't the first time a bill requiring military service has been entertained in Washington.

"This sort of thing has been proposed a number of times, mostly as

an amendment rather than an actual bill, but politicians look at required military service as a very unpopular bill to give out to their constituents."

Karas said his main concern with any kind of required military service is the effect it might have on the solidarity of the armed forces.

"What happens when you get people who don't want to be in the military? What is it going to do to the units they're in? Are they going to be passive or active in working towards their goal?"

Supporters of H.R. 3598 claim the opposite will result.

Congressman Smith wrote in his press release: "The common experience of most people serving their country prior to 1973 had a very unifying effect."

According to the Roper Center, a national polling agency, in the days and weeks immediately following September 11, an increased number of Americans were in favor of a national draft, even if it meant their children being sent away.

Eric Swank, MSU assistant

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## National champions again!



Photo courtesy of www.marjory.com

MSU's Co-ed cheerleading squad celebrates Jan. 11 after winning the squad's thirteenth national title in 17 years. Competition was held in Orlando, Fla. (See story and additional photos on Page 8)

# MSU remembers Dr. Lewis

BY ABIGAIL D. MALIK  
MANAGING EDITOR

Dr. Margaret Lewis, director of Morehead State University's extended campus at Prestonsburg, was killed on Dec. 4 in a car crash.

"She" was returning to Prestonsburg from a meeting at MSU's main campus in Morehead and due to inclement weather conditions apparently crossed over into the on-coming traffic and hit another car head on, according to a voice message sent to students by President Ronald G. Eaglin following the accident.

Academic Provost Michael Moore said the university was very sorry to lose Dr. Lewis.

"She" had such an impact on our ability to meet the educational needs of students and citizens of Eastern Kentucky," he said. "She was such a strong advocate for students."

Dr. David Peterson, associate professor of education at the Prestonsburg center, said Dr. Lewis was extremely competent as evidenced by the enrollment growth of the Prestonsburg center during

Lewis' more than 11 years of service there.

"She was a student advocate doing whatever it took to solve their scheduling or financial concerns," Peterson said. "Margaret was smart, had a great sense of humor and was a great colleague. She will be missed."

In lieu of flowers at the memorial service, memorial contributions were made to the MSU at Prestonsburg center, the Floyd County Animal Shelter or the



Dr. Margaret Lewis

Humane Society.

Bonnie Faulkner of the Dewey Dam Dog & Cat Protection Society, the organization that runs the animal shelter, said they have received two contributions in memory of Dr. Lewis: \$75 from Mr. and Mrs. John Rosenberg, and \$50 from Ms. Moore.

Dr. Lewis was born in Oklahoma and came to Kentucky in 1992 to administer MSU's largest regional campus. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Russian history and political science from the University of New Mexico, and a Doctoral degree in adult and higher education from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

"Dr. Lewis fought as hard as she could to help students and she held faculty and administration responsible for the students. That's what I respected most about her," Moore said.

Dr. Lewis is survived by two sisters, one of Florida, the other of Texas, and a brother of Saudi Arabia.

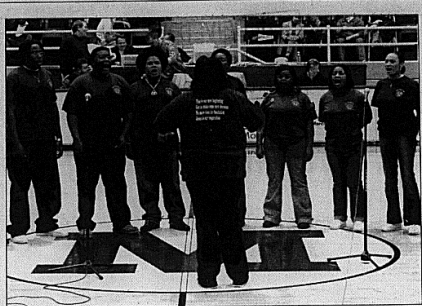


Photo by Brooks Reynolds

The Black & Gold Ensemble performed "The National Anthem" prior to the tip-off of the men's and women's basketball games played in Johnson Arena on Jan. 20. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Both teams won their games against Tennessee State University. (See story on Page 8)

## BUDGET | University prepares for decrease in education funds by reducing spending costs

From Front Page

Reduction of workforce through elimination of vacant positions.  
Reduction in the number of class sections and offering of low enrollment courses.

Greater reliance on fixed-term and adjunct faculty.

Reduction in student scholarship programs.

Higher student/faculty ratio due to larger classes.

Reduction in travel and other discretionary operating resources.

Delays in developing new academic programs.

emic programs.

Despite the decrease in state appropriations, Board of Regents Chair Buckner Hinkle, Jr., said MSU must be proactive in hiring and retaining faculty and staff.

"MSU's highest obligation is to teach, and to be successful at that, we obviously need to be competitive in the personnel market place," Hinkle said.

Eaglin said the number of young professors staying at MSU longer than a few years has been decreasing due to MSU having the next-to-lowest salaries in the state.

Eaglin said current vacancies will be filled or there could be delays in hiring for a period but he does not see anyone being laid off.

"If I don't try to help the situation, we will lose a lot of young people. Even in tough times we have to raise salaries if necessary," Eaglin said.

Academic Provost Michael Moore said a factor contributing to the university's financial problems is the unexpected increase in employee health benefit costs—an amount that now totals \$800,000 annually.

"While the budget is decreasing,

Moore said, "When we determined an 8 percent tuition increase we weren't allowing for the increase in insurance."

Who decides the costs

The Board of Regents is comprised of about 11 members who serve as the governing body of MSU and is responsible for the necessary responsibilities and decisions pertaining to the functioning of the University.

Charles H. Morgan, Board of Regents faculty representative and professor of psychology, said the exact amount of any tuition increase would have to be approved by the Board of Regents.

"The administration has raised the possibility of a double-digit percent increase in tuition for next year," he

said. "The exact amount of any tuition increase would be determined by the budget situation."

Moore said the cut in state funding for MSU, and in turn the tuition increase, depends on which programs the state chooses to cut.

Such programs include secondary and postsecondary education institutions, hospitals, and other programs that rely heavily on government funding.

Moore said when the state is experiencing a budget shortfall, next to K-12 programs, higher education is the next least likely to lose funds.

Moore said, "Nobody really wants to cut anything. The more the state can spare us, the less the increase in tuition."

Morgan said in the past higher education has sometimes been exempted from budget cuts.

"However, at this time, it appears our exemption is not likely. We are certainly not the first area of state government to be cut, but we are also not the last," Morgan said.

Eaglin said he would like to be able to inform students before spring break the exact tuition increase so families can begin to adjust accordingly.

Eaglin said 80 percent of MSU students are from Eastern Kentucky. In 25 of those counties, 50 percent of the family income is at or below the poverty line.

"Students want a quality education. In order to have that, you must have a good library, student services, all the facilities we have already had. And none of that needs to be reduced," Eaglin said.

## MILITARY | Bill could make service in the armed forces mandatory for all males

From Front Page

professor of sociology, said since the demise of the draft in 1973, most Americans have joined the military for economic rather than patriotic reasons.

"People are joining for occupational reasons, for money—for college," Swank said. "We've developed what's called the poverty draft."

Swank said since 9/11 there has been an increase in the number of people volunteering for the military, but he said it is difficult to determine whether even that increase was due to a heightened sense of patriotism.

"Most Americans believe the military should only be used for defensive purposes—to protect the country from a threat or from an invader, which goes back to the isolationist traditions in the United States—rather than aggressive purposes. Most college students are against initiating a war."

Swank said some of the European countries most opposed to a possible

war with Iraq, namely France and Germany, are countries that presently have some form of required military training.

Student Joshi Gruenke said he is against any kind of draft and says, from discussions of the subject with others in his classes, he thinks most MSU students also are against the war.

"With the weapons and the technology the military has now ground troops won't be used like they were in the past. It's just not needed," Gruenke said.

Septhien Ross Cissao said he doesn't believe conscription is needed and that joining the military should be one's own choice.

"I know there's turmoil in the world or whatever you want to call it, but we don't need a draft or a war," Cissao said. "But if it's what's gotten to be it's what's gotten to be done. I hope they don't have a draft again, my ass would be gone."

## INDICTED | Case still remains open

From Front Page

Students are currently enrolled in classes.

Eaglin would not acknowledge if any further disciplinary action would or had been taken against the students accused of the assault.

"We are not allowed to say what we did or did not do as a university," Eaglin said.

Eaglin came under scrutiny in November after failing to address the concerns of students immediately following reports of the alleged gang rape.

Students conducted a candlelight vigil and Take Back the Night march in protest of the administration's handling of the incident. The protests attracted media attention statewide and prompted the reassignment of former Morehead State University Police Chief Douglas Brown.

## Police Report January 7 to January 27, 2003

DATE	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	CHARGE
01-07-03	McRoberts, James	39	Morehead, Ky.	Arrested on a warrant for theft by deception
01-08-03	Newkirk, Bobby	21	Winchester, Ky.	*Arrested at Normal Hall for criminal trespass
01-09-03	Hamm, Chastity A.	19	Morehead, Ky.	Cited for expired license plate and no insurance
01-11-03	Adkins, Larry D.	21	Huntington, W.Va.	Arrested for alcohol intoxication
01-11-03	Curtis II, John M.	21	Huntington, W.Va.	Arrested for alcohol intoxication
01-13-03	Carow, Christopher	18	Morehead, Ky.	Cited for disregarding a stop sign
01-20-03	Sargent, Susan	21	Morehead, Ky.	Arrested on a warrant
01-21-03	Foster, Joseph	24	Morehead, Ky.	Arrested on a warrant
01-21-03	Parker, Jamie	18	Cincinnati, Ohio	Cited for disregarding a stop sign
01-21-03	Crawford, Rebekah	20	Dayton, Ohio	Cited for disregarding a stop sign
01-22-03	Arwood, James	26	Stanford, Ky.	Cited for disregarding a stop sign, no insurance
01-22-03	Buelchman, Brian	22	Morehead, Ky.	Cited for improper start
01-22-03	Lipp, Samuel L.	20	Jackson, Ky.	Arrested for alcohol intoxication
01-22-03	Hosaker, Justin	20	Morehead, Ky.	Arrested for possession of marijuana
01-23-03	Dixon, James L.	20	Morehead, Ky.	Arrested for driving under the influence, no seat belt
01-23-03	Meadows, Jessica	20	Shelbyville, Ky.	Arrested for alcohol intoxication
01-23-03	Batten, Charles	21	Heedon, Va.	Cited for disregarding a stop sign
01-23-03	Stevens, Amanda	22	Ison, Ky.	Cited for disregarding a stop sign
01-24-03	Minix, Phillip	29	Morehead, Ky.	Arrested for resisting arrest
01-27-03	Sturges, Amanda	18	Morehead, Ky.	Cited for disregarding a stop sign

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## EDITORIAL

### Bush's speech accomplished nothing new

In his State of the Union address last night, President George W. Bush was given the opportunity to address the nation on such crucial concerns as health care, unemployment, and the impending war in Iraq. However, Bush avoided the controversial issues and basically lied about others.

Throughout his speech, Bush proposed spending billions of dollars the U.S. does not have on domestic and foreign programs. Yet, Bush said his tax plan would cut taxes and allow American families to keep more of their income. So, if he is not going to raise taxes, where are all these billions of dollars coming from?

Bush also proposed spending \$1.2 billion in research to develop a hydrogen-powered environment-friendly vehicle. During his administration thus far, Bush has lessened the clean air restrictions against major corporations and cut environmental spending. Why should America believe him now?

Even more disturbing was Bush's admission that the United States has participated in assassinating terrorists.

"Let's put it this way: They are no longer a problem to the United States and our friends and allies," Bush said, with a smirk on his face.

In front of the nation and in front of the world, Bush basically acknowledged these terrorists were dealt with in away not acceptable to most civilized nations.

The State of the Union was Bush's opportunity to change his socially inconscient, unreasonable, war-mongering image. Instead, his speech gave the nation and people around the world, many of whom are turning against the United States to a degree not seen before in history, who the real threat to world peace is.

M.W.

## Our troops need support from everyone

Spare a thought for the troops.

There are various opinions against or for a war with Iraq. Regardless, it's important to support the troops.

It is sad to think soldiers returned from Vietnam and were ridiculed, called baby killers and spat on. This shows a great deal of disrespect and, regardless of Americans' opinions about the rightness of the proposed war with Iraq, this behavior is not acceptable and history does not need to repeat itself.

The soldiers are the pawns in these chess games that the rulers of warring nations concoct. The fight is between the leaders — not the soldiers pitted against each other in battle. If the leaders were required to fight the battles, there likely would be fewer people put into situations where they must take another person's life.

It looks inevitable that the nation is headed in the direction of war with Iraq as Commander-in-Chief President George W. Bush adamantly said in his State of the Union address Tuesday night.

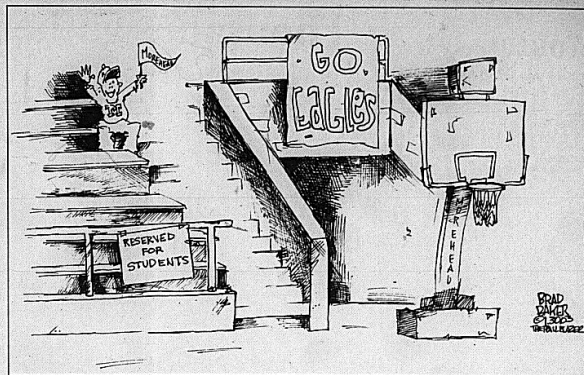
American troops and troops from all countries are already being shipped overseas to man strategic positions.

Let's hope they all return home safely and are able to stay out of harm's way — that they act wisely and hold themselves to high standards.

Citizens should follow their own hearts and minds about supporting or protesting the war, but there should be a united message of support for the troops.

God speed for a safe return of all headed for the battlefields.

G.D.



## Commentary

### We have to prepare for shortfall

BY ABIGAIL D. MALIK  
MANAGING EDITOR

A significant increase in tuition at MSU will occur for the Fall 2003 semester and it understandably going to cause anxiety among students, professors, and administrators.

Students will have to come up with more money, many which struggle now to make ends meet; professors will be limited on resources and professional training opportunities; and the administration is left with the responsibility to juggle the tension.

The cost of higher education jumps a small amount every year to adjust for inflation, but a double-figure leap hasn't occurred in state universities in a long time.

MSU is looking at roughly a 15 percent tuition increase, and other schools such as Murray State University are looking at figures above 20 percent.

The University of Kentucky has already made drastic adjustments to compensate for the budget shortfall — an immediate hiring freeze on vacancies within the uni-

versity, a ban on travel and overtime for employees, and a ban on new purchases except with strict approval from administration.

MSU is in the process of making similar adjustments. But while UK is considering cutting student enrollment to adjust for lack of funds and instructors, MSU administrators are looking to do the opposite by trying to increase enrollment.

This means many classes will have extremely large enrollments and many upper division classes won't regularly be offered.

The dwindling U.S. economy is partially to blame for Kentucky's lack of funds for state-supported institutions — institutions that also include elementary, middle, and high schools, hospitals, and other government-funded organizations — all of which are prone to a drastic decrease in monetary support.

Representatives of the administration and student government have said in order for the university to function as it is now, a tuition increase is necessary.

These representatives say a rise

in the cost of attending MSU will allow for programs to continue that students don't even realize they pay for.

Without a raise in tuition any of the following are possible, but not probable: a cutback in the hours student facilities are open such as the Wellness Center and Laughlin Gym; a decrease in the number of new computers and computer upgrades, and lack of funds for students to make educational trips, to name a few.

University presidents from across Kentucky's campuses met with legislators Jan. 29 to discuss how much funding would be cut from the higher education budget.

It has been said Kentucky legislators can do more to counteract our budget shortfall. One option is to raise taxes on certain items.

A one-cent cigarette tax increase — with that one cent allocated toward a state education fund — would bring in millions of dollars, as would an increase in the state sales tax. But legislators don't seem ready to consider tax options so near to reelection time.

Administrators say, despite the tuition increase, MSU is still a bargain compared to other state universities. We have one of the best library facilities in the state, and offer top-notch computer labs and technological programs.

President Eaglin says students are going to have to share in the burden that an increase in tuition will bring. This includes students taking an interest in our state government and learning where our tax dollars go and where our tuition dollars are spent.

It also includes understanding MSU administration does not want to raise tuition — the state government is the higher authority in this matter.

The tuition hike will likely cause problems for some. We can only hope the university and our state government will continue working to make the shortfall as painless as possible.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Reader says Lady Eagle was wronged

Let me begin by saying congratulations to the Morehead State University Lady Eagles' Kandi Brown. As a junior, she recently surpassed the 1,000-point mark for her career. As a native of her hometown, Olive Hill, I can speak for all of us by saying we are very proud of you. We know how dedicated you are in giving your best both on and off the basketball court.

As you celebrate this milestone, I have one regret; that so many of your fans, including your family, could not be there to enjoy this

achievement with you. Saturday night, January 18<sup>th</sup>, as you began your game against Southeastern Missouri University, you needed only 12 points to reach 1,000. I watched along with the large crowd of "Lady Comet Crazies" from Olive Hill, many of them holding their "We Love Kandi" signs, as you were unable to reach the mark. We sat eagerly watching, as you needed only two points in the final minutes of the game, knowing you would surely reach the mark. To our amazement, though, Lady Eagle's coach Laura Litter substituted you out of the game for the first time that evening.

I agree that the Lady Eagles were not playing at their best. That happens occasionally; unfortunately

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### Marijuana info was misleading, says student

This article is for the misinformed students or individuals who spoke about marijuana in the last issue of the paper. Some of the students spoke of how marijuana isn't as dangerous as alcohol, and didn't inform readers of the truth about how marijuana is one of the most dangerous drugs available.

A letter a few issues ago told of how marijuana actually helps cure disease. This person obviously wasn't a pre-med major! Marijuana isn't shown to help ANY diseases, it merely causes the pain that the

individual is feeling when terminally ill.

Some people also ask why not make cigarettes illegal? Well, the answer deals with sociology. You can't tell a person that he or she can partially do something and then expect to be able to take it back decades later when they're already addicted to it. That's what happened with Prohibition. Society realized that drinking was bad, tried to make it illegal, but it was too late. People were already addicted to it. It is the same way with marijuana, and if you legalize it, then you open the floodgates and expose it to the masses.

Extensive research has been conducted into the psychological effects of marijuana use. Short-term

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## VOICE YOUR OPINION

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses and opinions in its Letters column. Letters should be 400 words or less, signed, and include the writer's address and phone number (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in The Trail Blazer office (Room 317, Breckinridge Hall) or emailed to letterhead@trailblazeronline.net by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication. Letters are printed as received. The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit letters for purposes of clarity, brevity and legal considerations.

## What should America do concerning the potential war with Iraq?

Derrick Curver

"I think we need to stop Saddam before he has a chance to use weapons of mass destruction."

Homeless, unemployed, no money, no family.

Richard Meale

"Make the inspection finish their jobs and when we find the weapons, invade."

Homeless, unemployed, no money, no family.

Jeremy McCleese

"I'm ready to do my part."

Homeless, unemployed, no money, no family.

Andre Brown

"Being in the military, I have to support my commander in chief because I'm going to be active soon. We need more facts, knowledge on the situation."

Homeless, unemployed, no money, no family.

Meghan True

"At this point in time the war isn't necessary. We need to cooperate with the U.N. instead of taking it into our own hands."

Homeless, unemployed, no money, no family.



# STATE & NATION

## Thousands gather to protest war

### WORLD

#### U.S. forces kill 18 Afghan rebels

Abul, Afghanistan — In the heaviest fighting in nine months, United States and coalition forces are fighting a pitched battle against a large group of rebel fighters in southeastern Afghanistan.

Col. Robert King, a spokesman for the U.S. military, said Tuesday at least 18 enemy fighters had been killed, but no coalition casualties had been reported. As many as 40 rebel fighters were lodged in caves and mountainside hideouts near the border with Pakistan and had fired on Apache helicopters that went to investigate their presence, Colonel King said.

The fighting began after a minor clash Monday when American and Afghan forces were searching a compound in the area. They came under fire and in the ensuing firefight one attacker was killed, one wounded and one died. He said that the rebel fighters have sympathies impossible links to the ousted Taliban in Al Qaeda.

The fighters are thought to be mainly Afghans who are opposed to the American military presence in Afghanistan, and to the government of President Hamid Karzai, who they see as an American puppet.

"It's the largest concentration of enemy forces since Operation Anaconda," Colonel King said of the latest fighting.

### NATION

#### Ten sniper suspect's trial set

Fairfax, Va. — A judge set a trial date Tuesday for No. 10 for Lee Boyd Malvo, the 17-year-old who could face the death penalty for his alleged role in the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington D.C. area last year. "I am not a realistic date," defense attorney Michael Artl complained.

Malvo is being tried in Fairfax County on murder charges in the Oct. 14 killing of FBI analyst Linda Charles. The murder occurred inside a Home Depot store.

Prosecutor Robert Horan, Jr. has not yet said whether he will ask for the death penalty.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of killing 13 people and wounding six more in Georgia, Alabama, Maryland, Virginia, Louisiana, and Washington. They are being tried in Virginia because laws allow the best opportunities for the death penalty.

#### Music listeners not hearing offer

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The individual cash settlements could range from \$5,520, depending on how many people file claims.

Reports say hardly anyone is signing up for the money as the March 3 deadline nears. As of last month, of the most recent numbers available, only 30,000 people had filed claims for the cash. That is much less than the 2 million to 8 million that the settlement calls for.

The fact there has not been a rush to collect the money has been blamed partly on a lack of publicity, while there's also general skepticism about things that come with seemingly no strings attached.

Claimants are encouraged to sign up via the Web site [www.settlement.com](http://www.settlement.com) where they will be asked three yes/no questions, then enter their name and address on a form.

Claimants can also call 1-877-347-4782 for information about filing a claim in the old-fashioned way.

A receipt, or any other proof of purchase, is not required, which suggests that the defendants simply want to get this money divided up and then move on.

### STATE

#### EKU offers \$1,500 reward for info

A \$1,500 reward has been offered to anyone who can provide information involving two dorm fires that set this month at Eastern Kentucky University.

On Jan. 9 and Jan. 11, two small fires were set in Commonwealth Hall. A spokeswoman for the university said in both cases the dorms sprinkler system extinguished the fire.

The spokeswoman said that if there is something good to come out of the fires is that the sprinkler system is working properly now.

She said since the fires were two small fires, the university is working under the assumption that they are related.

The first fire started in a third-floor trash chute, according to a report, and the second was caused by an ignited cardboard box.

As an extra precaution, students living in Commonwealth Hall will now have to check in all visitors, including those of the same sex.

The \$1,500 reward was made available by public safety services, facility services, and student affairs.

#### Citizens unite, rally at Frankfort

About 150 people attended a rally Monday in the Capitol Rotunda. Organizers said it was independent of rallies across the country urging President Bush not to invade Iraq.

Those gathered displayed signs proclaiming "Making a Stand for Peace" and "Peace Is Patriotic."

Spokesman Richard Mitchell summarized the purpose of the rally. "Our message is simple: No in our name will you wage war on Iraq."

The Rev. Robert A. Storde, senior pastor of St. John's AME, said God is love and abhors war.

BY ALEX KINGSBURY  
DC BUREAU  
U-WIRE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Thousands of demonstrators braved the bitter January cold last weekend to converge on the nation's capital for a major antiwar protest against unilateral military action in Iraq.

An estimated 100,000 protesters took to the National Mall on Saturday in peaceful demonstrations coordinated with Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Police said 16 demonstrators who crossed police lines near the White House were arrested in the only scuffle with police in the weekend of protests.

The protest, organized by the International ANSWER Coalition, an antiwar group, featured demonstrations in 32 cities around the world. Speakers at the Washington protest included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the Rev. Al Sharpton and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

"It is important to get the attention of the young people of

the country and make them aware," Jackson told U-WIRE on Saturday. "We must oppose this war."

Floating in a sea of protesters, stretching almost from the Capitol to the Washington monument, signs read: "Build schools not bombs," "We don't want to die for Texas," and "Declare our weapons mass destruction."

Students were well represented in the crowd with many from Washington, D.C. area schools attending and organizing the action. "We are here to say no to the war in Iraq and no to the actions of our government," said Peta Lindsay, a Howard University student who addressed the crowd.

Elizita Braun, a leading campus activist at George Washington University, said the protest aimed to engage young people in particular.

"The goal is to peacefully demonstrate in the spirit of Martin Luther King," Braun said. "The Bush administration does not represent the best interests of the American people who don't want to fight a war with Iraq."

## MISLEADING | Reader outlines facts concerning marijuana, alcohol use

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memory and attention, motor skills, reaction time, and skilled activities are impaired while a person is intoxicated.

These side effects distort concentration and dexterity enough to make controlling machinery like an automobile a risky venture, even after the initial sensation of euphoria has passed. Scientific studies even show that average doses of marijuana can be comparable to an alcohol blood level between 0.07% and 0.10% when driving an automobile.

The most frequent effects of marijuana are the degree of anxiety and panic reactions. Habitual intake of marijuana has also been linked to an influx of severe bronchitis. Studies have also indicated a relationship between how often marijuana is smoked and the diagnosis of schizophrenia.

According to a published report by the BBC News, marijuana actually damages an individual's genetic material. That's right, the very thing that makes a person act, think, and talk the way he or she does is directly affected by marijuana. The blood that is found in those people who smoke cannabis has been found to contain almost three times the DNA abnormalities as people of non-users of marijuana.

Perhaps the most troubling of all the long-term effects, is the increased risk of early death. According to a study published in The Lancet (one of the most prestigious medical journals), Swedish males showed an increased risk of premature death among men who had smoked cannabis 50 or more times by age 18.

Studies also show that smoking five or more marijuana joints a week will actually make a person less intelligent. Alcohol, however, has never been shown to have any effect on a person's intelligence.

Marijuana's negative short and long-term effects have been known for quite some time now. The decreases in IQ scores due to marijuana are even greater than the deduction



Five MSU students are among the Washington, D.C., crowd of demonstrators reacting to President George W. Bush's plan for war with Iraq. The event was organized in conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

Activists invoked the legacy of King frequently in the weekend of demonstrations, including several peaceful acts of civil disobedience.

"Dr. King was a voice of peace, one that we hope to bring to this administration," said 41-year-old Ohio resident Carol Shuld, who came with her sister to demonstrate.

"There are other ways to solve problems than through violence. We must allow the weapons inspectors to do their work and find a non-military option for this conflict," Shuld said.

Following the demonstration on a Mall, the group marched two miles to the Washington Naval Yard demanding the United States surrender its weapons of mass destruction. Shop owners and residents of nearby neighborhoods braved the cold to watch the marchers pass by.

"It is incredible to see so many people out in the streets," said Mike Anderson, 19, a District resident who watched the marchers from the steps of a brownstone house along the parade route. "I've never seen something like this."

Counter protesters met marchers near the gates of the naval facility shouting, "Swim to Cuba," and "Give peace a chance," as the marchers passed. Police lines separated the two groups.

There was some civil disobedience at a smaller demonstration held near the White House on Sunday morning.

That protest included sit down strikes on F Street.

One student group chanted slogans and songs atop a truck equipped with large speakers. Several activists tried to cross police barricades ringing Lafayette Park and were arrested.

## WRONGED | Alumnus disagrees with Eagle coach's decision

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even the finest players are not perfect. However, basketball, much like life, is about more than just wins and losses. We can sometimes learn more in defeat than in victory. It's my opinion that the greatest loss in the Lady Eagles suffered in their game against SEMO was not that of points on a scoreboard, but all emotional defeat. Kandi Brown sat on the bench as the final two minutes of the game waned away, knowing that her father, John "Hop" Brown, would miss his milestone event.

John "Hop" Brown is entering his 25th year as the coach of West Carter's girls' basketball program. He is currently fighting a battle against cancer. Because of his responsibilities to his team at home, Saturday was the perfect time to see his successful daughter reach her 1,000-point, since during the week he can't make it to Morehead.

Because of poor judgment by Coach Litter, he did not get to see this terrific event. Coach Litter instead chose to remove the junior start for the remainder of the evening.

Coaching requires knowledge of the game. Coaches should make decision based on what is best for their team. The greatest of coaches

not only use their knowledge, but allow their hearts to lead them as well. To those unaware of the circumstances, Coach Litter may have made what seemed like a logical move by removing Kandi. In fact, the move kept her from reaching her goal when it would have been very uplifting for her as a player, and her fans.

Kandi has played well for three years at Morehead, and is one part of a team that is making the Lady Eagles' program respected again in the Ohio Valley Conference. Every time Kandi steps on the floor she plays with all her knowledge and heart. Coach Litter should have used her heart and allowed Kandi to get her 1,000 point as her father, mother, brother and sisters, along with a crowd of people from Olive Hill, cheered her on.

Through the years fans of West Carter's Lady Cornets have celebrated many accomplishments. We have shed tears of joy and sorrow. Kandi and her father won Kentucky's Sweet Sixteen State Tournament in 2000 together. They should have been able to celebrate this accomplishment together as well.

Dr. Randall L. Baker  
MSU Alumnus

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daughter of Candid Camera  
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## Around Campus Commuter bus schedule changes

For Morehead State University students, who commute and those who park in the E lot, there have been some changes in the bus schedule.

After picking up Students at the bus lot across the bypass, the bus will enter University Boulevard on the east end of campus. The four stops along the route now include, the side of Laughlin Health Building, Front of Breckinridge Hall, the bus lane in front of Howell-McDowell Administration Building, and Faculty House 1.

## VP Dailey to retire

W. Porter Dailey, Vice President for Administration and Fiscal Services at MSU will retire at the end of January.

Dailey came to MSU in 1978 as director of budgets and in 1984 assumed additional duties as executive assistant to the president.

Dailey earned his Bachelor of Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Eastern Kentucky University and his Masters of Business Administration from MSU.

## MSU Grad lands internship with NPR

MSU graduate, Megan George, is spending 10 weeks interning with National Public Radio in Washington, D.C.

George started the internship, Jan. 10, at NPR's newsmagazine, "All Things Considered."

George is one of two interns chosen for the show which began

George said, "NPR is the pinnacle of public radio so just having this opportunity will help me build contacts and my resume, but I would love for this internship to turn into a paying job when my 10 weeks are up."

## Renowned author named university editor

Author Glary Barker has been recently named MSU's new full time university editor where he will be promoting all areas of the University.

Since publishing his first book in the early 1980's, Barker has been making a name for himself in the literary field.

In the region, he has gained a following from those who want to read his next installment of "Held of the Holder," a newspaper commentary run in numerous newspapers since 1988.

One of Barker's recent columns included to George W. Bush and Saddam that caused his website to get visits from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Barker said, "Now, I'm getting more attention than I want."

## ROTC cadets commissioned in U.S. Army

Two MSU ROTC cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants into U.S. Army on Dec. 14, at MSU.

The swearing in ceremony for Brian E. Carlson of Hillsboro and Joseph E. Carman of Cynthia was officiated by Lt. John Keras.

Carman was a member of the 296th Battalion in Carlisle and has been assigned to reserve duty in the armor branch of the army.

Carman was a member of the 201st Engineer Battalion in Cynthia and has been assigned to immediate active duty in the signal corps branch of the army.

# Students affected by seasonal depression

BY NICOLE SILVEY  
STAFF WRITER

"The majority of students that come to the Counseling Center [at Morehead State University] are coming here for

depression or anxiety or both," said Daniel Collins, a Staff Psychologist at Alley Young's Counseling Center and Health Services.

Collins said that about 65 percent of students he works with have a common mental disorder called Seasonal Affective Disorder (S.A.D.).

John M. Eagles, in an article on S.A.D. in *Lancet Magazine* wrote, "S.A.D. is 'recurring winter depression.'"

According to Eagles college students are particularly at risk for this disorder because they have high levels of stress throughout the winter months.

Eagle said, "Symptoms include low mood, anergia, irritability, anxiety, poor concentration, reduced libido, and social withdrawal."

Collins said, "The symptoms of S.A.D. for college students are depression in winter months but remain in summer months, a disturbance in eating habits [eat more], overexposures, and their mood is connected to the weather."

Collins said not everyone has S.A.D. because they experience depression or a few of these symptoms.

BY KELLY STANLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an international organization designed to promote free enterprise and business concepts throughout the world.

The MSU chapter of SIFE was founded in 1999.

Josh Rice, vice president of programs for SIFE, says the goal is to educate the community about free enterprise and how to be more responsible consumers.

Rice is a junior marketing major and second year SIFE member. Rice says SIFE creates programs that meet a criteria set by the SIFE world headquarters, which they are then judged on at regional and national competitions.

MSU's SIFE team placed second and then first runner up at their first two regional competitions, where they competed against other college teams. They went on to win their third regional competition

tom.

"If students are unsure about depression, it is better to find out than to impair themselves academically and socially," said Collins.

often treated with non-reative antidepressants, such as specific serotonin-reuptake."

Rosal and Ockene's study found males and females are at different risk levels for the disorder.

Rosal and Ockene wrote, "When asked to compare the degree to which they [males and females] felt hostility, anger, irritability, and anxiety in a particular season with how they generally felt, females showed significant seasonal effects for all of those emotions."

Some MSU Students offered their opinions concerning S.A.D.

Sophomore Amanda Salmon said, "I think college students have more on their minds plus other factors."

Briney Pugh, freshman, said "At the beginning of the semester [fall] I was hyped up about going to class. Now I have a hard time getting up and going to class because of the time change and weather change."

Dominic Seilitz, junior, said, "I'm not fond of winter or the transition from fall to winter. It does have an effect on me."

Collins said if students suspect they might have depression or S.A.D., they should seek therapy.

Collins said "Counseling centers, local community resource centers

and Pathways," are some resources students might seek when dealing with depression and S.A.D.

Collins said, "Some people require medication but others just need to learn new ways of coping," said Collins.

## Shedding light on the winter blues

According to Magellan Behavioral Health exposure to light might help reduce risk of S.A.D. during the winter months.

### Useful Tips

1. Make sure your work and living areas are well-lit.
2. Spend more time outside during the day.
3. Light therapy might be prescribed by a doctor for severe cases.

Other suggestions include planning fun activities and lowering expectations

for yourself to help battle with S.A.D.



Graphic by Duane Hawkins

According to an article on S.A.D. research by Milgrers Rodak and Ira S. Ockene, "Winter depression is

# SIFE members active in local community

placing second in their division at nationals. Just last year they were first runner up again at the regional competition.

Rob Lux, a junior marketing major and vice president of external relations, says, "The great thing about SIFE is we don't just show up at our meeting and talk about stuff, we get out into the community and do something."

SIFE's community-based programs include Teach A Child About Business Week, Financial Awareness Day, and a children's book about savings that will be sent to area elementary school as well as translated and sent to Albania and Indonesia.

The club's president, senior marketing major B.J. Maselli, says the club is beneficial to all majors.

"The skills attained in SIFE are essentially people skills which are useful in all aspects of every major. It takes what we've learned in the

classroom and gives us a chance to use it in the community. In April the community will have a chance to support the team at our Golf Scramble fund-raiser."

MSU's SIFE team has diverse majors ranging from business to psychology.

Breanne Harmon, a freshman biology major and first year SIFE member, says, "I heard about the club through member Brian Davis and joined because I wanted to get active in the campus community. Also, since I'm planning on going to medical school, SIFE on my resume will show that I'm well rounded. The club has something for everyone."

Janet Ratliff Director for the Center for Economic Education and an instructor of economics at MSU, and Deborah Madden, instructor of finance at MSU, are faculty advisors for the organization.

## Campus Events

(February 3-8)

### Monday, Feb. 3

Announcement: Faculty or Staff Distinguished Service Award nominations due, 4:00 p.m. Send to: Reed Hall 4148

Training session: "Series I: Sexual Assault Prevention Psychology," 209 Combs, 6-8 p.m. (606) 783-2875

### Tuesday, Feb. 4

Film: "The Psychological Residuals of Slavery," ADUC Grill, 8:30 p.m., (606) 783-2668

### Wednesday, Feb. 5

Motivational program: "Buff Up Your Insides" with Juliet Funt, Button, 7 p.m. (606) 783-2071

Film: "The Theft of African History and Spiritual Concepts - Part I," Multicultural Student Services house, 8:30 p.m., (606) 783-2668

### Thursday, Feb. 6

Film: "The Theft of African History and Spiritual Concepts - Part I," Multicultural Student Services house, 8:30 p.m., (606) 783-2668

### Friday, Feb. 7

Special Event: "Free Movie Night," University Cinema, Presented by SAC/SGA Times and shows vary, (606) 784-5522

### Saturday, Feb. 8

Special Event: "The Night With The Stars," Impersonators' performances, Button, 7 p.m. (606) 783-2101

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# MTV celebs wrestle with students' questions

BY HEATHER SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

How real is MTV's "The Real World"? Kendal Sheppard from MTV's "Read Rules 11: Campus

Crawl!" and Mike Mizanin from MTV's "Real World 10: Back to New York" are as real as they come. Sheppard and Mizanin hosted

the second annual "The Real World: Morehead State" last Thursday at Button Auditorium. Mizanin, recently moved from Ohio to Los Angeles to pursue his

career in professional wrestling with Ultimate Pro Wrestling. He got his first taste of professional opponents two weeks ago where he won his first two matches but was defeated in his last one.

When he isn't pinning an opponent he participates in various charities associated with UCLA, including the Pediatric AIDS Foundation and AIDS Awareness. He also participates in Hollywood Nights, which is a celebrity basketball event that raises money for high schools to buy textbooks and other educational needs.

Sheppard, an Iowa native who majored in theatre at the University of Iowa, also relocated to Los Angeles to pursue a career in acting. She says it is important that everyone be educated about the signs that lead to suicide.

Sheppard described all of the signs that her family neglected to notice before her father committed suicide when she was a teenager. She encouraged the students to become aware of these signs, so they would be able to help their friends and family before it is too late.

Mizanin and Sheppard gave students the opportunity to ask questions about their experiences on the MTV shows.

Student Courtney

they have become.

They explained how two or three days of filming were edited down to 20 minutes of airtime and a lot of the footage was omitted. Both actors said more bending moments should have been aired instead of the confrontational scenes.

They said it took time getting accustomed to not talking to the camera operators. MTV has a policy that the cast members aren't allowed to have any verbal contact with the men or women who run the cameras.

Mizanin said his parents were open to the purveying and sexual activities he participated in while on the show. Sheppard said her mother wasn't as open.

She says when she would call her mom she would give her little talks on how to behave and be safe while having a good time.

Sheppard said her favorite college moments consisted of her sorority activities and generally not going to class.

Mizanin said his favorite moments began when he became a member of Theta Chi at the University of Ohio. He said he had such a good time in college that looking back it was mostly a blur.

Sheppard finished the night on a more serious note by sharing her experience of trying to commit suicide. After her father's suicide, Sheppard said she began feeling that her own life didn't matter. She was discouraged because she realized all of the signs her father was putting out were obvious to her only after his death.

"There's so many signs that people go through everyday. Nobody really pays attention to them," Sheppard says.

After both cast members were finished talking about their experiences and answering questions, students were invited to hang out with the cast members in Button Drill Room for refreshments and autographs.



Photo by Miles Dawid

MTV celebrities, Kendal Sheppard, "Read Rules 11: Campus Crawl," (left) and Mike Mizanin, "Real World 10: Back to New York," (right) answer students' questions Thursday.

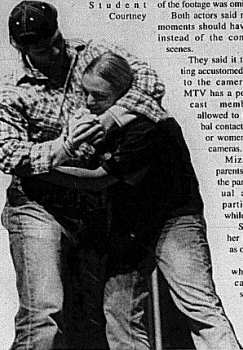


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Mizanin displays his wrestling skills on MSU student Courtney Commers during "The Real World: Morehead State" Thursday.

Commers asked Mizanin if he could demonstrate one of his wrestling moves. He asked her to come on stage and proceeded to show her how to perform a headlock and then asked her to perform one on him.

Sheppard was also asked to demonstrate a wrestling move but she wasn't so eager to accept a challenge from the audience.

Sheppard said she had to do a lot of things she was scared to do while filming Read Rules. On one mission her team was asked to eat food made with animal body parts not normally eaten.

Mizanin said the whole experience of moving to New York City and not knowing anyone he was living with was scary enough for him.

He was also on a season of "The Real World: Road Rules Challenge" and said he wasn't really scared of any of the challenges and was excited about participating in daring activities.

Both cast members agreed they wouldn't change anything they did in front of the cameras because it had shaped them into the people

## Resolutions easy to make, hard to keep, students say

BY BETHANY LEWIS  
STAFF WRITER

Every year on Jan. 1 people all over the world make New Year's resolutions.

According to the website, About.com, the four most often made resolutions are increasing exercise, being more conscientious about work or school, developing better eating habits, and stopping smoking, drinking, or using drugs.

MSU Junior Heather Moore says she wants to quit back and eventually quit smoking. She says by waiting long periods of time between cigarettes she only smokes two to three a day.

Sophomore Rogie Copher says he would be happy to get back in shape, quit eating fast food, and drink fewer soft drinks.

According to About.com, your New Year's resolution should be well planned ahead, because waiting to the last minute will limit your mind-set.

Copher says he planned his resolution ahead of time and enrolled in a lifetime fitness class, which is held twice a week in MSU's Wellness Center.

Copher says, "I was getting a little on the heavy side and pregnant women were making fun of me."

Joel Hamilton, a senior, says, "Being a broke college student has influenced me to make a resolution to spend my limited amounts of

money more wisely."

Sophomore Matt Cushman says his resolution is one that would benefit many students—not to miss class as much.

Cushman says he has put his alarm clock on the other side of the room to make him get up and turn it off. He says he has not missed class yet, but he doesn't know how long that will last.

Another tip from About.com is

to find a friend that will motivate and share the same resolution.

But most students say the easy part is making the resolution—the difficult part is keeping it.

Sophomore Nikki Collins says she and about 10 other friends plan to read the whole Bible by the end of the year.

Collins admits she is a little behind on reading the Bible but she plans to catch up by reading four

chapters a day.

Collins says, "At least it's more than what I read before."

Wellness Center work-study, Mandy Sword says she has noticed less men people working since the New Year, but it has already started to die down.

Sophomore Brandy Adams says her resolution was to write more in her journal but she failed as soon as she came back to school.



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Above: Angelica McCarty, left, demonstrates proper form during an aerobics class at the Wellness Center.

Left: Tim Horton buffing up using one of the many weight training equipment found at the Wellness Center.

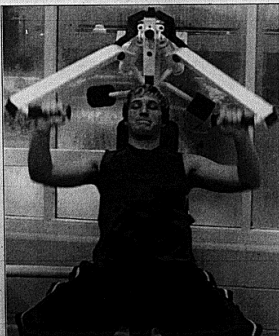


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### NEW HORIZONS FELLOWSHIP

Christmas break is over! A new semester has begun! Last term is finally finished & the spring semester holds some exciting new things for you. However, one thing remains the same; New Horizons still wants to be your church away from home. If you're looking for a place to worship while you're here, look no further than New Horizons Fellowship. God is really blessing the church and we would love for you to come out and be a part of it. We are located at 1047 East Main Street, right next to Mary's Hair Fashions. Sunday services are at 11am, 1pm, and 6pm, including Bible Class. Wednesday night at 6:45 is "Youth Night" with ministries going for all ages, including college. We hope to see you soon.

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## Get Cultured

### Bluegrass Winter Avalanche

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will sponsor the Bluegrass Winter Avalanche on Feb. 1.

Performers include popular national act Iliad Tyme Out, The Strangers, and Honi Deaton and Dream.

Tickets are available at MSU regional centers and the Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) in Morehead. Ticket prices are \$12 for floor seats and \$10 for student admission and balcony seating.

For additional information call (606) 783-9001 or the KFAC at (606) 783-2204.

### Americana Crossroads Live concert

"Americana Crossroads Live" will feature two accomplished West Virginian traditional musicians in its first concert of the new year on Friday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

John Lilly and Tim O'Brien are the scheduled performers.

The concert will be held at Duncan Recital Hall in MSU's Baird Music Hall. Admission is free.

Additional information can be obtained by calling MSU Public Radio at (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659.

### Americana Crossroads Live releases new live CD

"The Best of Americana Crossroads Live, Vol. 2" was recently released and is available for sale at the Kentucky Folk Art Center as well as through the MSU Public Radio website at [www.msuradio.com](http://www.msuradio.com). The first volume was immensely popular and a third volume is currently in production.

The CD contains 20 performances, over an hour of music from the popular monthly concert series, and a four-page booklet containing information on the included performers. The album is locally produced and sponsored by Morehead State Public Radio and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

Additional information is available by calling MSRP at (800) 286-9659.

### MSU faculty on KET2

A special musical program featuring both a current and a retired MSU faculty member will air on KET2 at 6 p.m. on Feb. 1.

The jazz program, "Mixed Media #516," will showcase Dr. Gordon Towell, saxophonist and associate professor of music, and Ivy Filippin, a distinguished keyboardist who retired after a 31-year career with MSU.

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## Exhibit merges art and pop culture

BY NICK DAVIS  
ARTS EDITOR

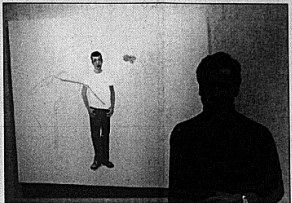
Josh Jordan doesn't create the kind of art most people are used to seeing in gallery exhibits.

Jordan, of Brooklyn, N.Y., says he has been interested in art since he was two or three years old.

Jordan's painting entitled "Air Guitar—Air Girlfriend" is on display in the main gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building.

"Pop, Rock, and Roll: Popular Culture in Contemporary Art" will be on display from Jan. 29 through Feb. 28. The exhibit features work from 16 national artists and is comprised of 30 pieces of art.

The gallery contains a collection of artwork that includes such diverse images as a nude Betty Boop and cult favorite pin-up model Bettie Page to super heroes such as Wolverine; and all of these are included in one painting.



Artist Josh Jordan stands next to his painting entitled "Air Guitar Air Girlfriend" in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

The art is inspired by rock and roll, automobiles and other aspects of American pop culture.

Jordan, formerly of Ohio, moved to Brooklyn to pursue an education in art. Jordan later received his master's of fine arts at Yale University.

Jordan grew up as an only child and admits he was the center of attention of his parents.

"I didn't have stuffed animals to I used popular media as an extension of my alter ego," Jordan says.

Jordan began sketching images of comic book heroes and made mock images of heavy metal album covers.

"I wanted to make the ultimate heavy metal album cover," Jordan says.

During middle school and high school his work shifted from less serious subjects to more realistic objects. Says he began to draw anything, sometimes picking things

out of his pocket just to hone his skills.

At about this time Jordan began to lose interest in fine art and shifted his focus to commercial art.

"Fine arts didn't interest me. I saw it as sort of being the same thing as devoting your life to priesthood. Commercial artists make money," Jordan says.

The opening reception for the exhibit was held Wednesday and included live music and refreshments.

"I was really happy with the crowd that showed up tonight," Gallery Director Jennifer Reis says.

Reis says she was surprised by just how many students and residents turned out for the exhibit.

"We usually don't have this well of a turnout for our first exhibit of the year," Reis says.

Jordan says he enjoys viewing and appreciating other artists' work.

Jordan says his piece, "Air Guitar—Air Girlfriend" embodies his experiences with a past relationship and women in general.

The piece depicts Jordan in the center with faint outlines of a guitar to the left and a woman to the right.

Junior Synde Manning was one of many MSU students who attended the exhibit.

"I thought it was sweet. It was a really entertaining show," she says.

Junior James Humphries also was pleased with the exhibit.

"I found it to be an interesting and well put together show. A must see," says Humphries.

When it comes to creating art, Jordan says, "Clarity is the key."

The style and poetry will find its way into the work.



"The Rape of Two Betseys" by Steven D. Shones.

## Zwan album shines like a star in the sea

BY BROOKS REXROAT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Just over two years after dismantling the Smashing Pumpkins, rock icon Billy Corgan is back with a

new band and a new attitude.

The new band is Zwan and the new attitude is surprisingly sunny, given the gloomy sound often connected with the music of Corgan's

former band.

Their debut release, "Mary, Star of the Sea" came out Tuesday and contains just 14 of over 80 songs the band has written and performed in just over a year.

The ensemble includes Jimmy Chamberlin (Smashing Pumpkins, Last Hard Men) on drums, Paz Lenchantin (A Perfect Circle) on bass, Matt Sweeney (Chavez, Stunk) and Louisville native David Pajo (Stereolab, Slint) on guitars.

With a three guitar attack and plenty of driving drums and bass, the band flirts about the musical

spectrum, shifting from the radio-friendly sound of their hit single "Honeytree" to the bombastic 14-minute behemoth "Jesus, I Mary, Star of the Sea."

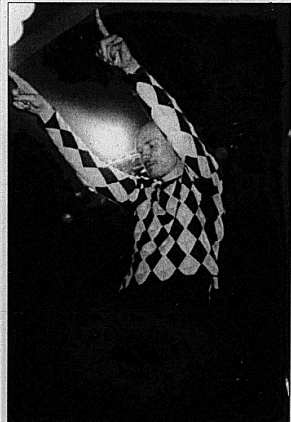
Though the distinctive voice of Corgan is consistent with his former band, Zwan has achieved a more mature, thoughtful and at times beautiful sound than the Pumpkins ever accomplished.

The album is full of twists and diversity, as evidenced in the melancholy ballad, "Of a Broken Heart." Just as it seems Corgan, the chief songwriter in the band, has

slipped back to his gloomy past, he pokes fun at himself with the line, "I'm not impressed with your loneliness."

Fans, though, seem impressed with Corgan's new endeavor. Some die-hard Zwan fans have shelled out thousands of dollars on e-bay for tickets to the band's hit-or-miss set of small club shows over the last year. A U.S. tour is scheduled to begin in the midwest in March.

The disc is also available with a DVD containing over 40 minutes of bonus tracks, behind the scenes and live footage.



Corgan acknowledges the crowd after a performance at The Newport Music Hall in Columbus, Ohio on Dec. 16, 2002.

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## SPORTS

# Eagles breeze through OVC; will face top opponent tonight

## Marks, Minard help spark best run in a decade

BY KEVIN MCKENZIE  
STAFF WRITER

The Morehead State men's basketball team jumped into the top 25 in Collegiansider.com's Mid-Major poll this week after reeling off nine straight victories, bringing their overall record to 13-5. They jumped into number 23 in the poll, which is voted on by coaches from 22 mid-major conferences.

Eight of the wins have come against Ohio Valley Conference foes as the team has floated through their most successful stretch since the 1984-85 season that wrought an NCAA tournament appearance.

Head Coach Kyle Macy said he was happy to be 8-0 in OVC play but thinks his team can continue to improve.

"The main thing is to try and play well so we can play our best ball for the conference tournament," said Macy.

MSU has been led by senior guard Cher Marks and junior forward Ricky Minard, who have each been honored by the conference for their play.

Marks is the current OVC co-player of the week, sharing the honor with Austin Peay center Josh Lewis. Lewis will lead his squad into Johnson Arena tonight at 7, as the Eagles hope to distance themselves from the second place Gavs.

Marks has played at a torrid pace since entering the starting lineup in the season's seventh game against Marshall. Last week, he averaged 26.3 points last week, including 31 in a crucial OVC win. Minard earned player of the week last week, averaging 20 points, eight rebounds and two steals per game.

Macy said experience has been a key to his team's recent success. "We have a lot of returning players who have been through conference play and know what it takes to win."

### MSU 83 UT-MARTIN 60

Minard paced the Eagles with 22 points and Marks added 19 as the Eagles remain unbeaten in OVC play with a win at Tennessee-Martin Jan. 25.

The Skyhawks shot only 3 of 24 from the three point line while MSU was 6 of 12. The Eagles took

advantage of the Skyhawks poor shooting by making 54 percent of their field goal attempts.

J.C. Howe led Tennessee-Martin with 22 points while McKnight and Lewis scored 12 and 10 points respectively for MSU.

### MSU 83 MURRAY 76

Marks poured in 31 points and Minard added 28 as the Eagles won an OVC rival Murray State Jan. 23. Marks shot 10 of 15 from the

floor. Chad McKnight and Craig Lewis chipped in 15 and 10 points respectively while Roshawn Bowens led the Tigers with 28. MSU shot 63.9 percent from the field for the game and led by as many as 27 in the second half.

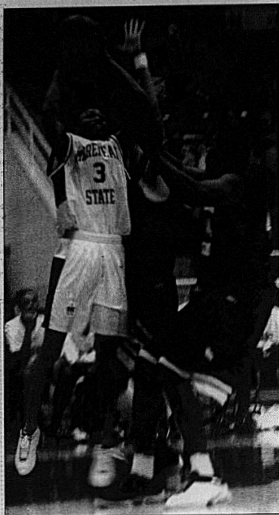
The Eagles held off a late TSU run to seal the win.

MSU led by 14 at the break and out-rebounded Tennessee State 37-34.

points and Minard chipped in 23 as MSU defeated Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne Jan. 14 in Morehead.

McKnight added 12 points for MSU while Minard dished out 12 assists. Morehead out-rebounded the Mastodons by eight and forced 23 IPFW turnovers while committing only 10.

The game was tied 35-35 at halftime but an early 11-2 second half run gave MSU a nine point lead. MSU led the rest of the way and improved to 9-5 on the season.



Cher Marks takes it to the basket against a Tennessee State defender. Marks is OVC co-player of the week.

## Volleyball team loses two coaches to Evansville U.

BY BROOKS BEXRHOAT  
SPORTS EDITOR

After guiding his team to its most successful season in years, Mike Swan resigned his position as MSU's head volleyball coach, according to a Jan. 16 press release.

Swan has assumed head coaching responsibilities at Evansville University in Indiana. Former MSU Assistant Coach Jeff Getz will join Swan.

The Eagles finished second in OVC standings this season before bowing out in the semifinal round of the conference tournament.

Swan said he was reluctant to leave, but he couldn't refuse the opportunity.

"Leaving was probably the hardest decision I've ever had to make regarding my professional life. The hard part, of course, was leaving the team because of all the

great people we've had on the team over the last few years who I care about individually and collectively," Swan said.

"This was an opportunity that really fit what I was looking for if I was going to make a move."

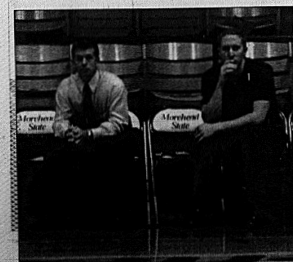
Swan said he looks forward to the challenge of building a program, something he experienced during his five years at MSU.

*"Leaving was probably the hardest decision I've ever had to make concerning my professional life."*  
— Former MSU Coach Mike Swan

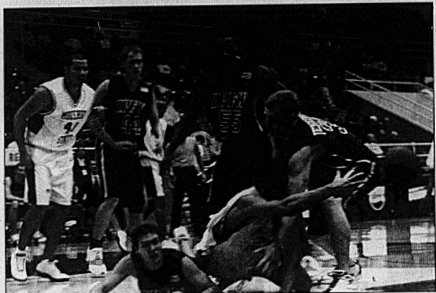
Swan rebuilt a struggling Eagle program, taking the squad from a 5-20 record in 1998 to back-to-back 20-win seasons the past two years. During his tenure, Swan picked up 2001 OVC Coach of the Year honors and tutored 2001 OVC player of the year Almond.

Swan was initially contacted by Evansville just a week after the season.

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Mike Swan (left) and Jeff Getz (right) look on as the volleyball team knocks off nationally ranked Xavier University



Center like Lopez scrambles for a loose ball during an 86-73 win over IPFW in Johnson Arena Jan. 14

field, including five three pointers and went 6 of 6 from the charity stripe. Morehead made 26 of 31 free throw attempts as they improved to 7-0 in OVC action.

The Eagles went on a 7-0 run in the final two minutes after Murray had pulled even at 70. Junior forward David Alfia sparked the run with five points and Morehead converted 8 of 8 from the line to clinch the victory.

The home loss for Murray was a rare one as the Racers dropped only their 10th home game in the last four years.

### MSU 103 TSU 89

Marks scored 28 points and Minard netted 27 as the Eagles defeated Tennessee State Jan. 20 in

### MSU 54 EKV 50

Morehead netted three free throws in the final minute to push the game out of reach as MSU defeated Eastern Kentucky University Jan. 19 in Richmond.

The Eagles shot 43.5 percent from the field while the defense forced 24 EKV turnovers. Minard said playing better defense has been the key for the Eagles.

Marquis Sykes led the team with 14 points while Minard and Marks added 13 and 11 points respectively. The Lopez added eight points and eight boards as the Eagles improved to 5-0 in the OVC.

### MSU 86 IPFW 73

Marks led the Eagles with 28

## Basketball

### OVC Standings

(through games of Jan. 29)

	OVC OVERALL	W-L	W-L
Morehead State.....	8-0	13-5	
Austin Peay.....	4-2	11-6	
Tennessee Tech.....	4-2	11-9	
Murray State.....	4-3	11-7	
Tenn Martin.....	4-4	11-8	
Eastern Illinois.....	2-4	7-11	
Southeast Missouri.....	2-4	7-11	
Eastern Ky.....	2-5	7-10	
Tennessee State.....	0-6	2-16	

## Cheer squad wins 13th national title in 17 years of competition

BY BROOKS BEXRHOAT  
SPORTS EDITOR

It's like clockwork. Every January, the Eagle cheerleading squads hop on a plane to Florida for national championships. More often than not, they come back with the biggest trophy.

This year proved no exception, as the co-ed squad grabbed top honors at the Universal Cheerleaders Association Division 1 competition Jan. 11. That means another yellow banner for the already crowded rafters of Johnson Arena.

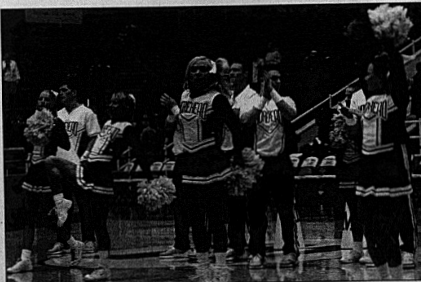
The squad had been crowned national champs 12 of the last 13 years.

The competition was part of a weekend of events at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

Cheerleaders in eight divisions from around the nation, as well as mascots, dance teams and group stunt competitors converged for the annual event.

Four members of the all-girl squad brought home the partner stunt competition title, while the all-girl squad earned a second-place finish in their competition.

Dionne Spencer, Kristen Sloan, Stephanie Walzerman and Ashley



The co-ed cheerleading squad gets the crowd into a men's home game against Tennessee State. The squad won its 13th national title earlier this month.

Puppenheimer took the all-girl stunt title, while Jared, Young and Summer Alley placed second in the co-ed stunt group competition.

The MSU squads, coached by

Dean of Students Myron Doan, have been fixtures among the nation's elite for over a decade.

The competition includes a dance routine, a cheer segment and

a previously recorded tape of the squad interacting with crowds at school events.

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Vacant seats line the court during the second half of a January 20 women's basketball game against TSU.

## Lady Eagles hit skid

Team tries to shrug off recent troubles

BY KTSUSHI OMURA  
STAFF WRITER

After hot 2-0 OVC start, the Morehead State women's basketball team (11-8, OVC 4-4) has struggled lately with losses on the road at Murray State Monday and the University of Tennessee-Martin Saturday.

The Lady Eagles slipped to a 500 record in league play and rank fifth in the standings. League-leading Austin Peay rolls into town Monday for a 7 p.m. OVC showdown in Johnson Arena.

Kandi Brown and Travece Turner both joined MSU's 1,000 point club.

Brown hit the milestone in a win over Eastern Illinois on Jan. 13. Turner hit the mark in a loss to Eastern Kentucky on the 18th.

MSU 58 - Murray State 81  
Murray led by 13 points at the half, and continued to outscore the Lady Eagles 41-31 in the second half.

The team shot poorly from the field especially in the second half with 29 percent. Morehead had a hard time from the arc hitting none

from 16 attempts. Murray made 13 three-pointers.

Murray controlled the offense with 21-8 assists. The Lady Eagles' bench outscored Murray's 28-18, and the team held a 43-30 advantage in rebounds including 21 offensive boards.

Junior guard/forward Kandi Brown came off the bench and had a team high 18 points and eight rebounds in 27 minutes.

Junior forward Jody Sizemore had seven offensive rebounds out of total nine.

The Eagles shot 80 percent from the free throw line with 12 of 15. Brown was perfect with six for six and senior guard/forward Travece Turner two for two.

Head coach Laura Litter said, "They were guarding extremely close our outside game when we lost Tasha Gales in the Murray State game, that opened up for the extra defense on the outside because they knew we didn't have the strong offensive spread in the inside."

Gales was injured in the game but is expected to play against Apsu.



Tasha Gales heads toward the basket for two of her 12 points in an MSU victory over Tennessee State in Johnson arena January 20.

Reserved for  
Delta Tau  
Delta

Photo by Brooks Reznor

## Empty seats are a travesty



BY BROOKS  
REZTOR  
SPORTS  
EDITOR

Empty seats are a travesty at basketball games, especially when they've been reserved in advance by a student group.

On January 20, a row of court-side seats opposite the MSU bench was left off reserve for the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and sat vacant for the entirety of the women's game and the first few minutes of the men's game.

Fans who had actually paid for their seats enjoyed the game from the binocular section.

By the time the court-side row began to fill, the men's game was several minutes underway, with 79-72 win by the women well in the past.

To the group's credit, the seats stayed full for much of that game,

though the entire half-filled arena began to empty with a few minutes left on the clock. In case the thousands or more fans who flocked out early are wondering, the Eagles beat TSU, 103-89.

There are too many empty seats in upper sections, but to leave reserved seats vacant is an insult to the women's basketball program and Eagle athletes in general.

The team is currently 11-8 and battling to gain home-court advantage for the first round of the OVC tournament.

Playing at home won't be such a big advantage though, if student groups continue to leave court-side seats empty.

While some individual students take a great deal of pride in supporting Eagle athletics, campus groups in general have done a pathetic job in showing unified interest in MSU sports.

At other campuses across the nation, Greek, religious and other student groups use athletic events as

an opportunity to gain recognition among the student body by showing up in force and cheering their teams to victory. Games and events are seen as chances to socialize and relax, not a once-a-year requirement as they have become here.

MSU Students have ignored that opportunity, and have even soured their reputations by allowing their group's name to be tagged on seats left empty. It's time for students to step up and take advantage of opportunities to make a positive impression on campus.

Seats should be left available for fans who really want to help support the teams. If campus groups don't care enough to use the seats they've requested.

Campus groups have a chance to make names for themselves by helping to support all the Eagle athletic programs.

The opportunity is there. Take advantage or not, but if you don't plan to attend, don't put your name on the seats.



Freshman Taniasha Johnson fend off a TSU defender as she brings the ball up the court.

## CHEER | Cheerleaders tops again

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Junior Lindsay Nieporie, who competed in both the co-ed squad and one of the two MSU group stunt teams, summed up her experience at nationals.

"All the returning girls were crying," Nieporie said. Knowing you can win year after year is just the best feeling in the world. That's the only way I know how to describe it."

Nieporie said waiting for the results is as nerve-racking as the competition itself.

"You stand in a long hallway and wait for all the squads to get finished. There's a lot of standing around and waiting when we just want to go perform," Nieporie said.

The continued success of all the MSU squads is attributable to one factor, Nieporie said.

"Our program is only this good because of Myron Doan," Nieporie said.

While the co-ed squad tasted victory, the all-girl squad tasted defeat for the first time in five years. The squad fell just behind Southwest Texas.

Senior Sherri Koehnemann said the team performed flawlessly but Southwest Texas had a higher degree of difficulty.

"We had a girl injured the week before the competition, which hurt us, and there's nothing we should be disappointed about," Koehnemann said. "It was a toss-up, and Southwest Texas came out on top. It's going to take us a while to get over it, but we second in the nation is still wonderful."

While disappointed with the second place finish, Koehnemann said she's proud of how both squads have improved since the beginning of the year.

Both squads will compete again this spring when the OVC cheer-leading championships.



The all-girl stunt group comprised of Dionne Spence, Kristen Sloan, Stephanie Waltermann and Ashley Puppenheimer won the national title January 11 at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

Photo courtesy of www.wide.world

## Athletics Schedule

Jan. 30	Basketball vs. Austin Peay*	5 p.m.
Feb. 1	Tennis @ Western Ky.	4 p.m.
Feb. 1	Track @ East Tenn. St./Pindley	All Day
Feb. 2	Basketball vs. Kentucky Christian	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	Women's Basketball vs. APSU*	7 p.m.

\*Home games in bold

\* Conference game

## Women's Basketball

OVC Standings  
(through games of Jan. 29)

	W-L	W-L
Austin Peay	6-0	13-3
Eastern Ky.	6-1	14-5
SEMO	4-2	10-6
Tenn. Martin	4-3	7-11
Morehead State	4-4	11-8
Tenn. Tech.	2-4	7-10
Eastern Illinois	2-4	3-14
Murray State	1-5	5-12
Tenn. State	0-6	2-14



## Eagle Notes



### Tennis teams open season at Kentucky

The Morehead State men's tennis team (0-2) opened their 2003 spring campaign with losses to the University of Kentucky (2-0) and Southeastern Louisiana University (1-1) in Lexington, Ky.

Senior Benjamin Schmid anchored the squad at the number one position with a three-set battle (1-6, 6-4, 6-4) against UK's Evan Austin. Despite a 3-0 lead in the final set, Schmid was unable to hold off the nation's 100th ranked player from rallying back to take the decisive set 6-4.

Ninth-ranked UK won the duel 6-0 with doubles not being played Wednesday afternoon (Jan. 22) at the Boone Indoor Tennis Center.

The Eagles returned to court Thursday night (Jan. 23) to face Southeastern Louisiana University at the neutral site of UK. SLU defeated Morehead State 6-1.

Schmid shined for the Eagles once again, cruising to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over SLU's Horis Huremovic.

The men will travel to Western Kentucky University Feb. 1 to take on the Hilltoppers. The women's squad will play at WKU Feb. 1 as well for their first match of the season. Both matches are scheduled for a 4 p.m. start.

### Track and Field teams open season at Butler U. Stan Lyons Open

The Track team opened their season this past weekend at Butler University's 2003 Stan Lyons Open.

The Eagles traveled to Indianapolis, Ind. on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Leading the women's team, Karen Lutes placed second in the 5000-meter run with a time of 18 minutes, 31.07 seconds. Alexa Velez ran 11:41.85 in the 3000-meter run, and Katie Scheben ran

the 800-meter run in 2:35.61.

Freshman Shawna McCowen competed in track for the first time since losing her leg in a motorcycle accident. She competed in one cross country meet this past fall.

Larry Atkins, Josh Sheets, Aaron Arnold, and Brent Allen led the men's team.

Atkins finished strong in the 800-meter run and in the one-mile run.

In the 3000-meter run, Sheets ran 9:13.75 and Arnold ran 9:21.50.

Allen placed in the 5000-meter run with a time 15:55.00.

The track team will split this weekend. Half the team will travel to East Tennessee State University for the Niswonger Foundation Track and Field Invitational. Other athletes will compete at the Alltel Track and Field Classic in Findlay, Ohio.

### Fight MSU Footballers earn All-America nods

Eight members of the 2002 Morehead State University football team are members of the *Football Gazette* NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America Team.

First team honors went to defensive lineman Chris Parker (Sr., Harrogate, Tenn.), linebacker Craig Unger (Sr., Greenfield, Ohio) and defensive back Charles Byrd (Jr., Oxford, Ohio).

Earning second team honors were quarterback David Caudill (Jr., Van Buren, Ind.), running back David White (Sr., Bowling Green, Ky.), offensive lineman Jason Fights (Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio), linebacker Zac Prewitt (Sr., Corbin, Ky.) and defensive back Brandon Phillips (Sr., Hamilton, Ohio).

This marks the 10th year that Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*, a recognized authority on small college football, has selected an NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America team.

The 2002 Eagles finished with a 9-3 record, tying the school record for wins in a season. They won the Pioneer Football League South Division Championship, ranked fourth in the final *Football Gazette* Mid-Major Poll and ranked fifth in the final Sports Network Mid-Major Poll.

### Baseball Eagles named pre-season All-Americans

Two of the league's top offensive threats have been identified as preseason All-Americans for 2003 by *Collegiate Baseball*. Morehead State senior outfielder Cary Page and senior third baseman Kevin Matusek were each selected to the third team following impressive 2002 performances.

Page earned 2nd team All-OVC honors a year ago after blasting a conference and school-record 26 home runs. He ranked among league leaders in eight offensive categories, including batting percentage (.355), runs scored (55), runs batted in (71), total bases (159), walks (33), on-base percentage (.456) and slugging percentage (.795).

Matusek, an All-OVC honorable mention, was the league's co-leader in runs batted in with 76. He finished the season among conference leaders in seven categories including hits (76), runs scored (68), home runs (21), doubles (17), total bases (158) and slugging percentage (.731).

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### COACHES | Coaches leave MSU

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son ended and he declined. Evansville followed his refusal with several phone calls that led to intensified January negotiations.

"The fact that they were willing to give me a full-time assistant was really a key factor. The fact that I was going to a town of substantial size was key, and Evansville pursued me very heavily and put together a complete package that was more than what I had expected."

News of Swan's unexpected departure hit players hard. Eagle players returned to campus ready to start off-season workouts, only to find their coach was leaving and there would be no formal workouts until a new coach is found.

Junior outside hitter Cherelle Lampkins said she worries the team will suffer from a lack of structured practice time during the search for a coach.

"Right now, we're getting open gyms worked out, but there's no coach there to monitor and make sure everyone's showing up," Lampkins said.

Lampkins said she assumes teammates have kept up with training, but would prefer the team had some guidance during the crucial off-season conditioning period. The team's spring tournament schedule has been set and will not be affected by the transition.

She said players have been assured they will have a say in the selection process and that teammates have expressed hope for a coach in Swan's mold.

"He brought us as a friend, not just a coach, and that's what we want, not a drill sergeant who will come in here and be unfriendly off the court."

### Trail Blazer Student-Athlete of the Week: Chez Marks



Senior guard Chez Marks averaged 25 points, three rebounds and 1.5 steals per game in wins over OVC foes Murray State and Tennessee-Martin this week. Marks scored a game-high-31 points against Murray. He shot 64.3 percent from the field, 56.3 percent from the foul line and 87.5 percent from the free throw line on the week. Marks was named OVC co-player of the week for his performances.

The 6-3 Paris, Ky., native is a communication major. Chez Marks is the Trail Blazer student-athlete of the week.



Junior Kandil Brown (top) and Senior Travece Turner (bottom) receive recognition January 20 for becoming the 16th and 17th members of MSU's 1,000-point club.

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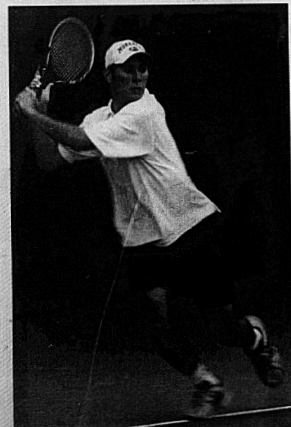
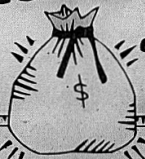
- \* Enjoy working with high school students
- \* Have at least a sophomore status
- \* Have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- \* Enjoy working in a team of your peers

Application deadline is February 14th

THEN:

Pick up an application at Waterfield 142. Or call 3-2611 for more details.

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Freshman Daniel Arbib competed in his first collegiate tennis match January 22 at Kentucky.